DIVORCE DECREE

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The State of Alabama, Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lela Sparks, Complainant

vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr., Respondent

This cause coming on to be heard was submitted upon Bill of Complaint, Decree Pro Confesso on publication and Testimony as noted by the Register, and upon consideration thereof, the Court is of the opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby, dissolved, and that the said Lela Sparks is forever divorced from the said Earl G. Sparks Jr. for and on account of Cruelty

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that neither party to this suit shall again marry except to each other until sixty days after the rendition of this decree, and that if appeal is taken within sixty days, neither party shall again marry except to each other during the pendency of said appeal.

It is further ordered that the Complainant and Respondent be, and they are hereby permitted to again contract marriage upon the payment of the cost of this suit.

It is further ordered that Lela Sparks the Complainant pay the cost herein to be taxed, for which execution may issue.

This 22 day of December, 1954

Herbert M. Hall

Judge Circuit Court, In Equity.

I, _____, Register of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original decree rendered by the Judge of the Circuit Court in the above stated cause, which said decree is on file and enrolled in my office.

Witness my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 19____

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Register of Circuit Court, In Equity.

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The State of Alabama
Baldwin County

In Circuit Court, In Equity

Lela Sparks

Complainant

vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr.

Respondent

DIVORCE DECREE

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ALICE J. DUCK, Register

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ORAL DEPOSITION Printed by the Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity)

Lela Sparks Complainant

VS.

Earl G. Sparks Jr. Respondent

I, Evelyn Watts

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Lela Sparks and Pinkie Morrow

witness es named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 21 day of December 194 5h, at the office of Wilters & Brantley in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said Witness es to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Lela Sparks and Pinkie Morrow doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Lela Sparks. I am the complainant in the above styled cause. At the time of the commencing of this suit I was 16 years of age, but now I am 17. I am a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and shave been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this divorce suit. The Respondent, Earl G. Sparks Jr., is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and over the age of twenty-one years. The last address I knew of the Respondent was 2030 10 Avenue, San Francisco, California. I understand that the Complaint was sent to him at this address and returned unclaimed or unknown. I know of no other address that might lead tohis whereabouts nor do I know of how it could be found.

The Respondent and I were married at Tayloress, Georgia, on August 13, 1953, and lived together as husband and wife, until January 1954. On or about January 3, 1954, and on various occasions prior thereto the Respondent did curse, threaten and abuse me and threatened to do actual violence to my person by slapping me about the face and body, which would necessarily endanger my life and health. The conduct of the Respondent was such as to give me every reasonable apprehension to believe and I did actually believe that if I continued to live with him that he would do actual violence to my person which would necessarily endanger my life and health.

Lela Sparks

My name is Pinkie Mae Morrow. I am the mother of the Complainant in this cause. I have known the Complainant and Respondent almost continuously through their short married life. I know that they had considerable amount of trouble living together as husband and wife. At one particular occasion I heard the Respondent arguing severely with the Complainant. At that occasion I thought possibly that the Respondent was then going to strike the Complainant. In my opinion it would be to thebest interest of both parties that they be divorced before any harm will arise out of their relationship.

Pinkie Morrow

ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, Evelyn Watts, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition s on Oral Examination was taken down by me in writing in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself and Harry J. Wilters Jr.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proom made before me of the identity of said witness es; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or any manner interested in the result thereof

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 21 day of December, 194 54.

Evelyn Watts (L. S.)

NO. _____ PAGE _____

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Lola Sparks

vs. Complainant

Earl G. Sparks Jr.

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

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_____, Register.

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Lela Sparks

vs.

Earl G. Sparks, Jr.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complaint upon the original Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso on publication, and testimony of Lela Sparks and Pinkie Harrow

and in behalf of Defendant upon

Walter L. Brantley
by Henry J. Walters Jr.

Register.

No. .....

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
Baldwin County

IN EQUITY
Circuit Court of Baldwin County

Lela Sparks

vs.

Earl T. Sparks Jr.,

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

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ALICE J. BUCK, Register

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Register.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Alabama

Lela Sparks

No.

Earl vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr.

The State of Baldwin County.

Circuit Court, in Equity

This the 14th day of Oct 1954

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of

Lela Sparks

that the Defendant Earl G. Sparks Jr.

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant over the age of 21 years; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama, once a week ~~for four consecutive~~ weeks, requiring

XXXXXXXXXX Fairhope the said Earl G. Sparks Jr.

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 18 day of Nov 1954, or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against

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Earl G. Sparks Jr.

Register.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____ _____, Term, 19____

Lola Sparks _____ Complainant

Vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr. _____ Defendant

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against _____

_____ Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 20 day of December, 19 54.

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Walters & Brantley
by Harry G. Walters _____ Solicitor.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Lela Sparks

Complainant

Vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr.

Defendant

Motion for Decree Pro Confesso On Publication

Filed 12 20, 1954

Register.

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Register.

The Baldwin Times, Bay Minette, Ala.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT

TO: Evelyn Watts

KNOW YE: that we, having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed you Commissioner, and by these presents do authorize you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine Lela Sparks and Pinkie Morrow

as witnesses in behalf of Complainant in a cause pending in our Circuit Court in Baldwin County, of said State, wherein Lela Sparks is

, Complainant

and Earl G. Sparks Jr., is

Respondent

on oath, to be by you administered, upon witnesses

to take and certify the deposition of the witness and return the same to our Court, with all convenient speed, under your hand.

Witness 20 day of Dec, 1954.

Register.

Commissioner's Fee, $

Witness' Fees, $

Decree Pro Confesso of Publication. MPCO

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

No. _____, Term, 19____

Zela Sparks, Complainant

Vs.

Earl G. Sparks Jr., Defendant

In this cause it appears to the Register Alice J. Buck that the order of publication heretofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 21st day of October, 19 54, in the Fairhope Courier a newspaper published in Fairhope, Alabama, Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court House door in Baldwin County, on the 21 day of October 1954 and _____

And it now further appearing to the Register Alice J. Buck, that the said Earl G. Sparks Jr.

having, to the date hereof, failed to demur, plead to, or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, therefore, on motion of Complainant____, ordered and decreed by the Register Alice J. Buck that the Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said Earl G. Sparks Jr.

This 20 day of December 19 54

Alice J. Buck Register.

STATE OF ALABAMA

BALDWIN COUNTY

Before me, Harry J. Wilters, Jr., a Notary Public, in and for the State of Alabama, personally appeared Mrs. Lela Sparks, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that Earl G. Sparks, Jr., is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his last known residence was 2030 10th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

And further that in the belief of the said affiant, the said Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

Mrs Lela Sparks

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 13 day of September, 1954.

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9-13-54
LUCE I. BUCK, Clerk

Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large

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LELA SPARKS	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COMPLAINANT	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
VS	)	IN EQUITY
EARL G. SPARKS, JR.	)	
RESPONDENT	)	

Before me, Harry J. Wilters Jr., a Notary Public, in and for the State of Alabama, personally appeared Lela Sparks, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that Earl G. Sparks Jr., the defendant in the above stated cause is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that his place of residence is unknown, and that it cannot be ascertain after a reasonable effort. And further that in the belief of the affiant the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

Lela M Sparks

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 14 day of Oct, 1954.

Harry J Wilters Jr
Notary Public, State of Alabama at Large

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ALICE I. DUCK, Clerk

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Duncan-Nevada
Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summons EARL G. SPARKS JR., to appear and plead, answer or demur within thirty days from the service hereof to the bill of complaint, filed in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, in Equity, by LELA SPARKS, as Complainant and against Earl G. Sparks, Jr., as Respondent.

WITNESS my hand this the 13th day of Sept, 1954.

Register

LELA SPARKS	)	
		IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COMPLAINANT	)	
		BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
VS	)	
		IN EQUITY
EARL G. SPARKS JR.	)	
RESPONDENT	)	

TO HONORABLE HUBERT M. HALL, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN EQUITY

Your Complainant, Lela Sparks, respectfully represents unto Your Honor and this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

That your Complainant is sixteen years of age and a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, and has been for more than one year next preceding the filing of this bill of complaint; that the Respondent is over twenty-one years of age and a non-resident of the State of Alabama, residing presently in San Francisco, California, at 2030 10th Avenue.

2.

That your Complainant and theRespondent married at Waycross, Georgia, on August 13, 1953, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, January 7, 1954.

3.

That on to-wit, Jan. 3, 1954, and on various occasions prior thereto the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused your Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give your Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually

believe that if she continued to live with the Respondent he would do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, your Complainant prays that your Honor will by proper process make the said Earl G. Sparks Jr., party respondent to this Bill of Complaint requiring him to plead, answer or demur to the same within the time and under the penalties prescribed by law and the practice of this Honorable Court.

Your Complainant further prays that upon a final hearing hereof, Your Honor will enter a decree forever barring the bonds of matrimony existing between your Complainant and the Respondent; your Complainant prays for such, other, further, different or general relief as she maybe in equity and good conscience entitled to receive.

Wilters & Brantley

BY: Solicitor for the Complainant

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ALICE J. DOUGL, Clerk
Register

No 3357

Bill of Complaint

STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

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WITNESS my hand this the 13th day of Sept, 1954.

Register

LELA SPARKS	)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COMPLAINANT	)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,
VS	)	IN EQUITY
EARL G. SPARKS JR.	)	
RESPONDENT	)	

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2.

That your Complainant and theRespondent married at Waycross, Georgia, on August 13, 1953, and lived together as husband and wife until on to-wit, January 3, 1954.

3.

That on to-wit, July 3, 1954, and on various occasions prior thereto the Respondent cursed, threatened and abused your Complainant and threatened to do actual violence to her person, which would necessarily endanger her life and health; that the conduct of the Respondent was such as to give your Complainant every reasonable apprehension to believe and she did actually

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Wilters & Brantley

BY: _____
Solicitor for theComplainant

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Wilters & Brantley

By: _____
Solicitor for the Complainant

ALICE J. DUCK, Circuit Clerk

Baldwin County

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Frances G. Crawford

Editor

State of Alabama
County of Baldwin

Sworn to and subscribed on this 12th day of November, A. D. 1954, before me.

E. Cramer

Notary Public, Baldwin County

Notice to Non-Resident

Lela Sparks vs. Earl G. Sparks, Jr.

THE STATE FO ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY,
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

This the 14th day of October 1954

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14-4t Alice J. Duck, Register